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Washington, May 14.—The first million tons of ships completed and delivered to the United States government under the direction of the shipping board have been put on the high seas to help defeat Germany. A total of 159 vessels of 1,108,621 tons was completed up to May 11, according to statistics compiled by experts of the shipping board. Since January more than half of the total tonnage, 667,894, has been delivered and the month's totals have shown a steady increase.

Most of the ships delivered were requisitioned on the ways or in contract when the United States entered the war. Virtually all are of steel construction. None of the ships of the great wood program has been delivered, although some have been launched.

Testing Wooden Ship.
The first complete wooden ship built on contract for the government now is undergoing speed trials off the Pacific coast. Deliveries of ships made last week were made at Seattle, Sparrows Point, Md., Chicago, Green, Mich., Gloucester, N. J., Wilmington, Del., and New York.

Eight steel ships, totaling 48,150 tons, were completed during the seven days ending May 11. Fourteen vessels were launched with a total tonnage of 120,000, of which seven were steel with a total capacity of 57,100 tons. The steel ships delivered included one refrigerated ship, two tankers and five cargo vessels.

The state of Maine during the week turned out the first wooden ship for the government, the Andra, a 2,500-ton vessel, built at Portland.

—Buy Thrift Stamps—
**BOLSHEVIKI IN
DRIVE ON CHINA**

Troops Reported to Have Penetrated
150 Miles Into Mongolia
From Siberian Border.

London, May 14.—Bolshevik troops have penetrated more than one hundred and fifty miles south into Mongolia from the Siberian border between Kurland, according to dispatches filed April 11 by the Daily Mail's correspondent at Tien Tsin. The Chinese resident general at Urga in northern central Mongolia, reports the arrival of Bolshevik troops at Urga, nearly one hundred and seventy-five miles inside Mongolian territory. The Mongolians, he says, are in a state of panic, unable to resist the Bolsheviks who confiscated goods belonging to several wealthy Chinese merchants.

The Chinese cabinet, adds the correspondent, is considering what steps are necessary to prevent the movement of the invaders spreading southward.

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**FORMER FRENCH
PREMIER PUT ON
STAND AT TRIAL**

Paris, May 14.—Former Premier Caillaux was brought into court from his prison cell today to testify in the treason trials growing out of the Bonnet Rouge affair. Caillaux was in splendid health. His life in prison seemed to have agreed with him.

"The only point at issue," said Colonel Voyer, the presiding officer, "is whether the witness mentioned the name of Marx of Mannheim, (a German banker through whom funds were supplied for the Bonnet Rouge propaganda) to M. Landau in September, 1916. Please keep to that point."

M. Caillaux denied that he mentioned Marx in 1916. He said he had never heard of the man until July, 1917, and then only when the Bonnet Rouge case was discussed in the chamber of deputies. Colonel Voyer evidently was anxious to have M. Caillaux concede his testimony.

M. Caillaux insisted on speaking further, however, saying: "I have never given one franc to the Bonnet Rouge since the war began. It is true that I subscribed 40,000 francs before the war, but this fund was exhausted at the beginning of hostilities. At the time I was engaged in defending my honor against a bitter press campaign. The Bonnet Rouge defended me, and therefore I helped it."

He defended my honor in the past and will do so in the future with all possible means at my command."

M. Caillaux's voice rose to a high pitch and he exhibited emotion as he made this declaration. A ripple of applause broke out.

72 Americans
Are Reported
in Casualties

Washington, May 14.—The casualty list contains 72 names divided as follows: Killed in action, 14; died of wounds, seven; died of disease, three; wounded slightly 21; missing in action 27.

Officers named included Captain Lloyd B. Russell, Manchester, Okla., and Lieutenant Herbert Boyer, San Francisco; Stephen E. Fitzgerald, Dorchester, Mass.; E. Fitzgerald, Dorchester, Mass.; killed in action, Major John L. Haskins, Minneapolis; Captain Michael J. O'Connor, Boston, Mass.; and Lieutenants Edward M. Guild, Nahant, Mass.; William A. Murphy, Chicago; and Ray E. Smith, Rutland, Vt., wounded slightly, and Lieutenant Hiermann C. Byrd, Hartford, Conn., missing in action.

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Sergeant Theron E. Dalrymple, Rochester, N. Y.; Mechanic Frederick E. Ruckelshausen, New Haven, Conn.; Privates Walter S. Auer, Canton, Ohio; William J. Bishop, West Springfield, Mass.; Wilmer J. Childers, Paragould, Ark.; Frank Daniels, Highland Park, Ill.; W. J. Jones, Starkfield, Fla.

Died of Disease.
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**FEDERAL SCHEME
OF HOME RULE IS
BEING DISCUSSED**

London, May 14.—The speech on Sunday in which George Nicoll Barnes, labor member of the war cabinet, advocated a federal scheme of home rule for the united kingdom, has attracted much attention in political quarters here and Ireland. The lobbyists at Westminster, seeking entrance to a "trial balloon" to test the country's opinion and declare that although the government has not decided definitely on a federal scheme, individual members of the cabinet, including Premier Lloyd George, are inclining more and more to such a solution of the Irish problem. This is due partly, it is said, because they believe the scheme affords the only chance of winning Ulster to home rule.

The suggestion, however, is rejected absolutely in Ireland, according to dispatches from Dublin, where it is said, Mr. Barnes' speech was received with angry contempt. It is declared that if the Irish parliamentary party accepts such a scheme it will be repudiated utterly by the Irish people.

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Washington, May 14.—Details of the latest German demands on Russia received at the state department today from Swedish sources show that Russia has been asked to make financial concessions, to give up Moscow and other large cities to the Germans, to cease arming troops and to dissolve all recently formed military units.

KRUPP GUNS
HIDDEN AWAY
IN AMERICA?Thousands of Rifles Stored
in U. S. to "German-
ize" Country.

New York, May 14.—Reports that thousands of rifles had been secretly imported from the Krupp gun works at Essen in order to "Germanize" the United States were related today at an inquiry conducted by State Attorney General Lewis into rumors of hoarding of arms by German interests in the United States.

Edgar A. Holmes of this city, a witness, credited the reports to a man named James H. Crossley. Holmes, as a broker, tried to buy the rifles, but was unsuccessful, he said. During the negotiations, he said, Crossley told him that someone told him that ammunition had been imported from Essen.

250,000 Rifles.
Mr. Holmes testified he had never seen the articles but had talked with an engineer named Francis L. Judd, who said he had seen boxes containing 250,000 rifles. Two months ago, Holmes said, the United States tried to buy them, but they were not produced. Holmes had been in touch with United States officials throughout the negotiations, he said.

Gustave Laussing was named by Holmes as the man who was said by various intermediaries to be able to deliver the goods. Judd told Holmes the rifles had been in an east side warehouse in New York and had been removed, but were located in an hour and a half ride by automobile.

Stored in 40 Places.
Laussing, according to the witness, said they were stored in 40 different places in the United States. Robert Tucker, a tanner of Charleston, S. C., testified to hearing of the rifles through his acquaintance with Russians in business. Judd told Tucker, he said, he had seen canons and rifles at a warehouse in Brooklyn. According to the witness, a New York lawyer finally told him that the rifles had been sold.

Are Still Here.
"I am thoroughly convinced that those rifles are in this country and that Laussing knows where they are," said Tucker at the close of his examination.

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5,000 DRIVERS STRIKE
Chicago, May 14.—Five thousand teamsters and truck chauffeurs went on strike without warning today and Patrick Barrel, business agent of the Truck Drivers' union, said that 15,000 men would be out by night. They demand an approximate advance of \$3 a week wages.

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LATE BULLETINS

Amsterdam, May 14.—The Prussian lower house has rejected a motion to restore the provision for equal suffrage in the Prussian franchise reform bill.

London, May 14.—A state of siege has been declared at Smolech, a suburb of Prague, Bohemia, and the troops there have been sent away, an Exchange dispatch from Amsterdam reports. One hundred fifty women are said to have been arrested on account of demonstrations. The burgomaster has resigned. The movement is extending through Bohemia, according to the dispatch.

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**AMSTERDAM, MAY 14.—A
Vienna dispatch says that a
special economic treaty be-
tween Rumania and the cen-
tral empires provides that Ru-
mania will sell to Germany and
Austria-Hungary her surplus
production of all kinds in 1918
and 1919 and for a further pe-
riod of seven years if it should
be required.**

Washington, May 14.—Secre-
tary McAdoo today authorized
loans of \$200,000,000 to Great
Britain, \$100,000,000 to France
and \$100,000,000 to Italy making
the total loans to all the allies
\$5,763,850,000. Total loans to
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CONGRESS AND AIRCRAFT BOARD ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES THAT
HAVE TROUBLE PRODUCING FLIERSNation Takes
Over Supply
of Platinum

Washington, May 14.—All platinum, iridium and palladium held by refiners, some importers, manufacturing jewelers and large dealers has been commandeered by the government. The price fixed for platinum was \$105 per troy ounce; for iridium was \$175 an ounce and for palladium \$135.

Manufacturing jewelers may use 25 per cent of their present stocks for commercial purposes by signing a waiver of all claims for compensation from the government by reason of the requisition.

Delivery to the government of manufactured platinum now held or controlled by jewelers will be waived provided they sign a waiver of claims similar to the manufacturers' waiver.

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TALK OF NOT
USING YANKS
DUE TO ERRORReports of No Brigading
U. S. Forces With Al-
lies Groundless.

Ottawa, May 14.—The statement that it had been decided not to use American forces in France until they become a "complete, powerful, self-supporting American army" was incorrect and "due to an error in compilation," according to statements received from the British government and made public today as "official news."

The reference, which is now corrected, was contained in a summary of operations on the British front made public here Sunday night.

Due to Error.
The statement today says that owing to the error in compilation it was not made clear that the reference "related to the period when America first joined the war and had no relation to present events whereby the American army is being brigaded with the entente armies."

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**BELGIAN FORCED
IN GERMAN ARMY
SOON GETS AWAY**

Paris, May 14.—A Belgian subject, born of Belgian parents at Tienen, was forcibly enlisted in the German army on Jan. 21, 1918, and he deserted on March 4, reporting to the Belgian representatives in a neutral country, says a Hava dispatch. This man was forced into the first Ersatz battalion of regiment number 161 at Duren, Rheinisch Prussia.

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Kaiser Tells
Lithuania to
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Amsterdam, May 14.—Emperor William has issued a proclamation concerning Lithuania in which he says it is assumed that Lithuania will participate in the war burdens of Germany.

The proclamation asserts that because of the large number of Lithuanians controlled by the association it is impossible for variety performers to make a living outside of these houses and that through the creation of the monopoly the association has opposed and stamped out a former association known as the White Rats Actors' union.

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**SEED CORN SUPPLY
PLENTIFUL, CLAIM**

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Official War Reports

(British War Report.)
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(French War Report.)
Paris, May 14.—French patrols carried out operations north of Hangard (on the front before Amiens) near Courcy, and west of the Meuse, bringing back prisoners. We easily repulsed a German raid on small French posts northwest of Orville-Sorel.

The artillery fighting was rather spirited in the Champagne near Butte du Mesnil, and in the Vosges. A German attack on the line of La Foch was repulsed by our fire. There is nothing to report elsewhere.

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**VAUDEVILLE IN
TRUST, CHARGE**

Association of Playhouse Managers
Subject of Complaint by Federal
Trade Commission.

Washington, May 14.—Complaint alleging that the Vaudeville Managers' Protective association is a combination in restraint of commerce and that it collects excessive fees, dominates the vaudeville industry and blacklists vaudeville performers who are not in good standing with the association, was issued today by the federal trade commission. The complaint is against the Vaudeville Managers' Protective association, the National Vaudeville Artists, Inc., the United Booking office, Vaudeville Collection agency, A. Paul Keith, E. F. Albee, Sam A. Scribner, Marcus Loew, Martin Beck, B. S. Moss and Sime Silverman.

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German Infantry Inactive
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Paris, May 14.—Heavy artillery fighting in the Champagne is reported by the official statement. Only patrol actions occurred on the main battle front in Picardy.

(By Associated Press.)
Committed as they are, to a continuation of heavy fighting on the western front, the Germans apparently are taking their full time before another forward operation on the line from Soissons north to the Belgian coast. In two weeks, the enemy has made only one determined attack and this was repulsed by the allied forces southwest of Ypres.

Infantry is inactive. Along the vital sector of the salients driven by the Germans since March 21, the enemy artillery has been active, but there are no signs of renewed infantry activity in strength. North of Kemmel, around Serre, on the line between Albert and Arras; and on the southern end of the British line across the Somme and on the French sector immediately south, the German big guns are hurling thousands of shells upon the allied positions.

Allied airmen are taking advantage of every opportunity to invade enemy territory. Many tons of bombs have been dropped on important railway centers, behind the German lines in Flanders and Picardy. In aerial fighting the British have brought down six more enemy machines. While British naval aviators bomb the German submarine bases on the coast, the German arm and fliers continue the aerial bombardment of Brussels.

Yankees Shell Huns.
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Lively fighting continues in the Monte Corno region south of Asiago with the Italians throwing back repeated Austrian efforts to regain the summit of the mountain. Rocky slopes of the height which the artillery duel goes on but there are no indications that the enemy is ready to start his heralded attack.

Italian Repulse Foe.
Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Monday, May 13.—(By the Associated Press).—Italian troops repulsed with heavy loss a desperate enemy attempt last night to redeem the loss of Monte Corno. It is believed that this was only the first of a series of efforts to regain the lost ground owing to the value of the height which commands the approaches to the valley leading from Trent to Rovereto.

The fight last night was in the darkness and was a bloody hand-to-hand struggle over the rocky slopes of the mountain. The Italian positions, however, were maintained.

Thus far the fighting around Monte Corno has been of local character and not a part of any general offensive, although the outposts show increasing activity all along the mountain front.

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**BRITISH LOSSES
GREATEST SINCE
OPENING OF WAR**

London, May 14.—The total of British casualties reported in the week ending today is 41,612. They are divided as follows:

Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 501; men, 6,065.
Wounded or missing: Officers, 2,123; men, 33,923.

Reports of British casualties usually are not available for some time after the actions in which they are sustained. The large totals in the last week evidently represents losses suffered when the fighting in Flanders and Picardy was at its height. Complete reports have not been given out but it is probable that the casualties reported in the last week are the heaviest British losses of any week of the war. The total of the week before was 38,691.